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Now is the time for the papers to publish "Beautiful Snow."

A son of Ben Butler was defeated in Lowell, Mass., for the legislature by a small majority and a recount has been ordered. The blue bloods are having a hard time with Old Ben.

As singular as it may seem to men who think no one is allowed to vote in the south except a Democrat the greenbackers run tickets and elected many officers. Even in Mississippi they carried several counties.

As Butler returns come in it really looks as though the democrats of New York, in spite of divisions and troubles and the lead of a presidential aspirant, have succeeded in electing their state ticket, except governor. If this is the case it will hardly be possible for the republicans to carry the state at all. The vote of Robinson and Kelly combined exceeded that of Cornell by some sixty thousand.

The telegraph furnishes the comments of the leading New York papers on the recent election. The *Post* claims that Conkling has received a rebuke in the fact that Cornell runs several thousand behind the rest of the ticket and is saved through Democratic dissensions. The *Times* also thinks the fact that Cornell runs behind the ticket is significant but that with better management the state can be carried for a republican president.

The *Tribune* says that the defeat has put an end to Tilden, while Kelly is stronger than ever before; but that Tilden, under all the disadvantages of the situation, has made a better fight than any other man could have made.

The *World* mourns the defeat of Robinson, but thinks the state and party can bear the loss of Robinson, in having got rid of Tilden. Kelly has defeated Robinson and annihilated himself. The *Herald* says: "Tilden goes to the wall. But for his interference the democrats could have chosen their whole ticket—Governor and all. He will no more be heard of in national, nor we should think in State politics. The defeat of Robinson is the work of Kelly."

The *Post* in a long article says that Conkling cannot control a majority of the votes of this State. Is it not about time that the Chief Engineer of the machine removed his hand from the lever. If Conkling is half so shrewd a politician as his friends report him to be, he can scarcely help seeing that the present time is an excellent opportunity for him to go to the rear for a while and maintain there a judicious reserve. If he does not see it it behooves other leaders not to be blind to the truth.

WHY MINING IS BACKWARD IN NEW MEXICO.

The early mining in New Mexico for the century preceding 1680 were carried on by slow labor. The unfortunate Pueblo Indians found by the Spaniards in this country were compelled by their gold and silver-loving conqueror to do the work of mining while their master took the proceeds. Naturally enough this system made mining unpopular among the native races and led to the great rebellion of 1680 which was only suppressed after eighteen years of fighting and then the result reached was a compromise. Most of the mines were fired up during the conflict and one of the conditions of its cessation was that there should be no more compulsory mining. The Spaniards after this war began to adopt a pastoral life. They were not ambitious of digging in the bowels of the earth themselves. Their absence from the old country and the intermixture of races which was constantly going on made them "lose their grip" so to speak. Mining went out of fashion and the country went to sleep so far as the development of its mineral resources was concerned and it has been asleep ever since up to with-

in a few years when the coming in of the American element started again the production of the precious metals. The completion of the A. T. and S. F. into the Territory and the prospect of the early completion of the Southern Pacific has given a new impulse to prospecting and will shortly result in the opening up of many rich mineral regions. Nothing need be expected from the native element in the way of successful mining. It has neither the energy, ambition or capital necessary to mine successfully. The Mexicans can however give the Americans important information as to the most promising localities for mining and in many cases have located claims which are good and which can be bought for a trifle. When New Mexico has been opened up to Anglo-Saxon civilization and enterprise as has Colorado she will not be one whit behind the latter in the production of gold and silver, but if the records of her mines are true and present indication are to be behind will surpass not only Colorado but any and every other state or territory in the land.

THE FUTURE OF COPPER MINING IN N. M.

A correspondent of the New York Times, writing from New Mexico says that an investigation of the copper resources of New Mexico leads to the belief that the depreciation in the value of copper which will follow in the development of New Mexican mines will practically exclude the other mines in the United States if not, indeed, the most of those in the world—from competing with that Territory.

One of the richest deposits is at Clifton, 23 miles almost due west from Silver City, and between 60 and 65 miles from Ralston, now possible better known as Coronado. The ore seems almost unlimited in quantity—in fact there is a solid mountain of copper. To prove this, the first development was by tunnel at the base, and from which drifts were carried in all directions, shafts in the meantime being sunk from above the ores from the top showing fully as rich as those at the bottom.

The smelting works and attendance building are in a cañon on the Fresno River, near where it empties into the Gila. Fuel has to be brought 35 miles and costs \$40 a ton, one and half tons being required to smelt a ton of copper. Cartage to the nearest railway station at Otero costs \$70 a ton; yet business is carried on at a large profit.

At Santa Rita, near Silver City, are extensive copper deposits, which have been worked for over a hundred years. While yet Mexican Territory these mines were worked mainly by convict labor, and at times by hired natives. The deposits are of various kinds of copper ore and native copper in the seams of the rocks. It was for the latter that mining was carried on in former years. There is an abundance of rich ore over a large district but at present the mines are in the hands of speculators and not being worked. The extreme difficulty of getting transportation for the metal to the end of the railroad has also, no doubt, had an important bearing upon the cessation of labor upon the mines. The ores of the Santa Rita and Hanover districts adjoining are in the form of immense deposits and while rich, are unlimited in quantity. Further west the Burro Mountains contain large deposits of copper, and still further, at Coronado, are several mines of great magnitude, of low grade ores, which cannot be worked at present for want of fuel and water. Up the Valley of the Rio Grande, and 18 miles east of Bernalillo, which is hardly more than 250 miles from the Colorado boundary, is the great copper district of the Puerto Westward, and beyond the territorial line into Arizona, are copper deposits of much magnitude.

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